GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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REVISION OF RATE OF PENSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence personnel were having much higher rates of pension as compared to civilians in pre-independence era;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for reduction in the rate of pension to Defence personnels in subsequent reviews after independence;

(c) whether the Government are considering enhancement in the rate of pension of the Defence personnel to compensate for early retirement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): In the pre-Independence era, the rates of pension of the Armed Forces personnel were slightly higher than the pension admissible to the civilian personnel. However, it is not possible to give detailed comparative figures after such a long interval. After Independence, pay and pension structures of the Armed Forces personnel and civilian personnel have been reviewed by the successive Pay Commissions/Committee. The pay and pension structures have been rationalised and revised from time to time on the basis of the recommendations made by the successive Commissions/Committee.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. The present pension structure has been prescribed in pursuance of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission which considered all the relevant factors before making its recommendations.